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E.O. 11652: GDS  
TAGS: PFOR, CY  
SUBJECT: LETTER FROM PRESIDENT MAKARIOS TO PRESIDENT CARTER  
RE CIA

REF: (A) NICOSIA 578; (B) NICOSIA 582

1. GOC PUBLIC INFORMATION OFFICER MAR 5 RELEASED UNDATED  
MAKARIOS INTERVIEW WITH AUSTRIAN BROADCASTING (ORF) COR-  
RESPONDENT. ASKED, "HOW SERIOUSLY DO YOU THINK THE PEOPLE  
OF CYPRUS TAKE THE CLAIM OF TWO AMERICAN NEWSPAPERS, THAT  
YOU WERE PAID BY THE CIA IN 1960?", ARCHBISHOP REPLIED:  
"THE PEOPLE OF CYPRUS KNOW ME VERY WELL AND CANNOT GIVE  
CREDENCE TO SUCH SLANDEROUS REPORTS. BESIDES, THERE IS  
A BELIEF THAT THE CIA WAS BEHIND MANY MOVES DIRECTED AGAINST  
ME. IN ANY CASE, I EXPECT FROM THE AMERICAN AUTHORITIES  
OFFICIAL EXPLANATIONS AS TO HOW MY NAME GOT INVOLVED IN SUCH  
A DIRTY AFFAIR."

2. COMMENT: THIS IS ARCHBISHOP'S FIRST PUBLIC REFERENCE TO  
HIS REQUEST FOR "OFFICIAL EXPLANATIONS" AND UNDERLINES HIS  
CONTINUING BELIEF THAT IT BEHOOVES USG TO CLEAR HIS  
NAME IN SOME WAY OF WASHINGTON POST ALLEGATIONS.  
REFERENCE TO POPULAR BELIEF THAT CIA WAS INVOLVED IN  
PAST PLOTTING AGAINST HIM MAY BECOME A THEME OF HIS  
RESPONSES TO SIMILAR QUESTIONS IN FUTURE IF USG DOES  
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